

Women in Agriculture

Abstract

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In just 67 years the United States has gone from a country where only 10% of its rural areas had electricity to a country whose rural infrastructures of electricity, water and waste water, and telecommunications continue to set industry standards for excellence. It is the phenomenal efforts of local cooperatives, foresight of the federal government and private/public partnerships that brought about this change.

This presentation will seek to examine how elements of that movement can now be used to build infrastructure in developing countries that will help to give rural women access to research and technological innovation for rural, farm, and fishing developments. It particularly concentrates on technological advances of connectivity such as the Internet and educational challenges that are faced.

The presentation also gives some specific examples of local cooperative success stories.